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**I** *Ames Scot, Ford* late Lord Grey together with divers other  
Rebels and Traytors, landing in the West of England,  
on the 11th of June 1685, in a hostile manner, seized up-  
on his Majesty's town of *Live* in the County of *Dorset*,  
imprisoning divers of the Principal Inhabitants, because they  
refused to comply with them, and forfeit their Loyalty and Al-  
legiance. Publishing likewise a Trayterous Declaration to ex-  
cite his Majesty's Subjects to rise in Rebellion, and taking what  
they thought convenient with them, on the 14th. of June mar-  
ched out with 40 horse and 120 foot, a party of which com-  
manded by the late Lord Grey, coming to a bridge a place a  
few miles from *Live*, fell unexpectedly upon divers Loyal  
Gentlemen in their Inns, and firing thick their Muskets, killed  
*Mr. William Strong* and *Mr. Edward Cooker*, wounding *Mr.*  
*Henry* and divers Gentlemen. Voluntiers coming up they were  
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put to the flight, 7 of them killed, 32 taken prisoners, as likewise about 40 Musquets, one of the said being an Officer, whom they carryed off.

By this time the late Duke of Devonshire, being accused of High Treason in Parliament, and the Reward of 100000 was set upon his head, the Lord Churchill and the Duke of Devonshire with his Majesties Forces under his Command, sent out Lieutenant *Monoux* with twenty Companies of men, and a Colonel, master of the Earl of Oxford's Regiment, who near within two miles of Taunton, met a like number of the Rebels; where after some dispute they killed 12 of them, and wounded most of the rest; but upon the approach of another Party, thought it convenient to retire: Lieutenant *Monoux* being wounded in this encounter, on the 22 of June the Lord Churchill sent out a party of 40 horse from Langport who encountering double the number of Rebels, beat them into their Camp; during these transactions, *Line* having been recovered by Captain *Trevanion* Commander of the *Suadadoes*, he found upon his arrival in the *Coad* a *Pink* and a *Dog*, the Rebels left, as likewise in the town a considerable quantity of Powder and Armour, into which town the Duke of Albemarle put three companies to secure it.

And now the Rebels revolting about, and inducing people to rise, a great number of the Rabble headed by a Confab to get together at *Freme*, but upon the arrival of the Earl of Pembroke with his Majesties Forces they were put to flight and dispersed; one of them taken and hanged, several others were taken and imprisoned; after he had subscribed an Abhorrence of a Trayt'rous Declaration a little before set up in favour of the Rebels.

The Earl of *Feneston* Lieutenant General of his Majesties Forces, being informed that the Rebels who were yet in the increased, designed this March for *Philip Norton*, he left *Bath* on the 27 of June very early, resolving to fall upon their Rear, and in order thereto advanced with a detachment of 100 foot commanded by the Duke of *Devonshire* who some time before arrived at the Camp with 2000 of his Majesties Foot Guards, as

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likewise another Detachment of Dragoons and horse Grenadiers, leaving the rest of the Army to fall on with the Cannon when on a sudden divers Muskets were heard to go off in a Lane, whereupon the horse and a company of foot were sent off the Duke of Grafton's Regiment were coming out a contrivance cover the cause, who not sooner entered the Lane but the hedges were immediately broken with horse and foot who fired upon the Royal Party with great fury; yet the Duke of Grafton advancing at the head of that detachment with much bravery, lead them as far as the gate of the town; and notwithstanding the continual firing of the Rebels, made a gallant Retreat, forcing his way through their horse, who endeavoured to stop him in his return at the end of the Lane, losing but very few men in this enterprise, and about 20 wounded, amongst which not one Officer of the Volunteers Mr. *Wray* was killed and Mr. *Seymour* wounded; the Rebels lost Captain *Mathews* who commanded that party, and divers others of lesser note: the remaining part of the Royal Army being come up the Lord *Peversham* drew up in good order on a little hill, from whence he much incommoded the Rebels with his Cannon, when about 6 in the Evening he marched to *Bradford*, sending out Colonel *Ogterborn* with 100 horse to observe the motion of the Rebels who marched away to *Frome* and there rested all the next day being Sunday, and on Monday marched towards *Warminster*; but ere they arrived there, turned westward towards *Shipton Mallet*, where upon the Kings Army marched on Monday to *Westbury* and on Tuesday to *Frome* in pursuit of them, who leaving *Shipton Mallet* went to *Wells*, where as they were in despite of sacred things they sacrilegiously robbed and defaced the Cathedral Church, drinking many villanous and unseemly healths at the Altar, plundering divers houses, ravishing the women, and committing many the like outrages and villanies; altogether unbecoming such as make the least pretensions to Christianity; from this place they marched to *Glastenbury* and from thence to *Brighthelm*, where they arrived the Thursday following being the 20 of July there they made show as if they would fortify themselves: The

The Earl of *Feverham*, upon notice thereof, Marched the same day with His Majesty's Forces to *Shepton-Mallet*, and the next day to *Sumerton*, strictly forbidding all persons to give them any assistance or succour, upon pain of being Treated as Rebels.

On Sunday the Fifth of July, in the Morning, the Earl of *Feverham* Marched from *Sumerton* to *Weston*, a place within Three Miles of *Bridgewater*, quartering his Horse and Dragoons in the said Village, encamping his Foot in an advantagious Post adjoining, and fronting a Moore very large and even, a Ditch fronting them, which in the Evening his Lordship had certain Intelligence, That the Rebels were drawing out of *Bridgewater*, whereupon he gave Orders that his Troops should continue in a readyness, sending out frequent Partys to make a Discovery; yet the Rebels Marched with so profound a Silence, that they entered the Moore without any opposition, and towards Morning drew up their Foot in Battalia, to the number of between Five and Six Thousand, headed by the late Duke of *Monmouth*, approaching very near the Royal Army; whereupon my Lord *Feverham* with all convenient speed put His Majesty's Forces (consisting of about 2000 Foot and 200 Horse, 1600 Dragoons and Dragoons) in a readyness to receive them, which was no sooner done, but the Rebels began with a great Volley of Shot and Shouts, and were answered by the Royal Army in the same manner, and in the mean time the Rebels were bringing their Horse to second their Foot, Colonel *Devereux* coming in with a party of His Majesty's Horse, charged upon them with such fury, that they immediately gave ground, keeping them in Action till my Lord of *Oxford's*

Regiment

Regiment, and the Detachment of the Guards came in to form the Line; so that the Rebels Horse, to the number of between Ten and Twelve Hundred, commanded by the late Lord Gray, being for the most part unmanageable, made very inconsiderable resistance, not being drawn up into a Body, they would not endure the Fire, but gave way before all that charged them, and in the end quitted the Field; notwithstanding the Foot stood firm, exchanging great Volleys, the Ditch between them hindering them from closing: But His Majesties Cannon coming up, and the Horse breaking in upon them, they were broken and disordered, flying in all parts, and in the end intirely Routed, Three Pieces of Cannon (all they had in the Field) taken, and about Two Thousand of them killed, and a great number taken Prisoners, the most remarkable of the later being Colonel Holmes, and Major Perros, the Constable of Crookhorn, and Williams, Servant to the late Duke of Monmouth.

Of His Majesties Forces, the slain exceeded not Three Hundred, and some few wounded.

After the Field was clear of the Rebels, the Earl of *Forbes* Marched with Five Hundred Foot, and a Party of Horse and Dragoons to *Bridgewater*, where he found the Rebels that were left there fled and dispersed into several places: When His Lordship having left these men in the Town, under the Command of Colonel *Kirk*, and hearing the late Duke of *Monmouth* was fled north about Fifty Horse, the greatest number of the Rebels that were left together, he sent out divers Partys in pursuit of him, and other Rebels that fled the Field: When on the 7th of July, about Five in the Morning, some of the Lord *Lumley's* men seized the late

Lord

*F I N I S.*





